

Boston Nov^r 5th 1839

Mrs Chapman

Dear Madam

In behalf of The
Adelphic Union, I have the Honor of Addressing
You To make known a Request of The Committee
in presenting which it is hoped that You will pardon
Their Presumption, and attribute this To their desire of
Promoting the Objects of The Institution To which they
are attached. Our Request is that You would deliver a
Lecture on Tuesday Eve Nov 12th before the Adelphic Union.
We are well aware that this is somewhat an unusual
Though not an Unprecedented Request, and The only
Apology that we deem Necessary To offer is that You
have long Proved Yourself a Friend, and one anxious
for our Elevation and Improvement. Miss Linnike
delivered a Valuable and Instructive Lecture before us
which was received with careful attention.
To our Regret we are compelled To state that The
Importance of Cultivating a Taste for Knowledge is

appreciated by a very small Portion among us; we are
Therefore anxious To have a Lecture in which its
Value and Necessity will be Treated upon, and a
Lecturer whose Character and Influence will Secure
The Interest and Attention of all.

cherishing a Hope that this will be Received as
Emanating from no other than a desire To
Advance The Welfare of our People

I Remain Your Obedt Servant

For The Committee.

Wm C. Mill Secretary

Wm M. W. Chapman

J. John Pierpont.

Dear Sir,

Being unable, from want of time, to prepare myself, to comply with this request, I promised Mr. Hall, a worthy & enterprising young man of colour, deeply engaged for the improvement & elevation of his people, that I would do my utmost to obtain such a lecturer as he describes. May I entreat you, in behalf of these excellent persons, to aid them by delivering a lecture at the time they specify? They have applied in vain to many, & feel somewhat discouraged, as, from inability to obtain able lecturers, the interest of the hearers is less than last year.

If you personally know some of these young people, & saw how deeply they have the elevation & education of their people at heart, I should be sure of an affirmative answer. With high respect & esteem, I am
your friend, Maria W. Chapman.

Rev. John Pierpont.

Mr. M. W. Chapman

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